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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment

FROM : Coordinator for Academic Relations, NFAC

SUBJECT : Possible DCI Discussion/Dinner Topic for
Early August

1. Action Requested: Approval of subject and date for the next DCI discussion/dinner.

STAT 2. Interesting and potentially explosive developments in Central America are obviously not restricted to Nicaragua, although that country is certainly the focus of current attention. I have been talking to [] about the area for some time. He tells me that NIO/LA is planning a paper on "Central America after Somoza." Before getting into that, though, he suggests (and I agree) that a general look at Central America would be useful and an appropriate subject for treatment at a discussion/dinner.

STAT 3. [] has in mind a number of promising academics who might be pinned down if approached promptly. One has already indicated his availability. He is Kenneth Grieb of the University of Wisconsin, who is working in the Library of Congress for the summer. Other prospects are Steve Ropp of New Mexico State and Ralph Lee Woodward of Tulane.

STAT 4. [] is holding Wednesday, 1 August and Thursday, 2 August as possible dates pending a decision.

5. I have one other subject under consideration but it is not as far along as this one, so would be more suitable for a date in the early fall.

6. Recommendation: That you approve a discussion/dinner on Central American issues for 1 or 2 August so that planning may proceed.



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DISAPPROVAL:

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